

# Tamanaku language

**Tamanaku** (Tamañkú) is an extinct  Cariban language of  Venezuela.

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## Phonology

### Consonants

	<span><span><span></span></span> Bilabial</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Alveolar</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Palatal</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Velar</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Glottal</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> Stop</span>	<span>p</span>	<span>t</span>		<span>k</span>	<span>ʔ</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> Affricate</span>			<span>ts</span> (dz)		
<span><span><span></span></span> Fricative</span>	<span>[β]</span>				<span>[h]</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> Nasal</span>	<span>m</span>	<span>n</span>	<span>[ɲ]</span>		
<span><span><span></span></span> Liquid</span>		<span>r</span> <span>[l]</span>			
<span><span><span></span></span> Approximant</span>	<span>w</span>		<span>j</span>		

Stops may have voiced allophones of [b d g]. Allophones of /p, n, r/ include [β h ɲ l].<sup>[3]</sup>

### Vowels

	<span><span><span></span></span> Front</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Central</span>	<span><span><span></span></span> Back</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> High</span>	<span>i</span> <span>ĩ</span>	<span>ɨ</span> <span>ĩ</span>	<span>u</span> <span>ũ</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> Mid</span>	<span>e</span> <span>ẽ</span>	<span>ə</span> <span>ẽ</span>	<span>o</span> <span>õ</span>
<span><span><span></span></span> Low</span>		<span>a</span> <span>ã</span>	

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Tamanaku	
Native to	Venezuela
Extinct	<span>(date missing)</span> <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Cariban <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Venezuelan Carib<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mapoyo–Tamanaku<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tamanaku</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tmz
Glottolog	tama1338 <span> </span> (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tama1338) <sup>[2]</sup>

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